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REMARKS

Claim 9 is pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission,

thus, no new matter has added. Additionally, Applicants submit that no new issues have been

raised by way of the present submission which would require addition search and/or

consideration on the part of the Examiner.

Additionally, in the event the present submission does not place the application in

condition for allowance, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the application into

better form for Appeal.

In view of the following remarks Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner

withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claim 9 under the judicially created doctrine of

obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 37, 40, 52, 56, 57, 75 and 76 (as

well as apparently claim 59) of copending application no. 09/214,277. This is the parent

application of the present application.

The Examiner has also provisionally rejected claim 9 under the judicially created doctrine

of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 1 and 2 of copending

application 10/704,876. This is a copending Divisional application of the same parent

application.

Applicants respectfully traverse.

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Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in the present application

directed to copending application no. 09/214,277 and copending application no. 10/704,876.

Accordingly, these rejections are moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully

requested.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in

condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw all

rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Craig A. McRobbie (Reg. No.

42,874) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort

to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies

to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional

fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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